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For: **Method for the Use of Hydrophobic Bleaching Systems in Textile Preparation**

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 28, 2003, Applicants request reconsideration of the patentability of claims 1-33 in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Official Action dated March 28, 2003 has been carefully considered. Accordingly, it is believed that the following remarks are sufficient to demonstrate the patentability of claims 1-33 and place the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 and 18-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by each of the Willey et al published PCT application WO 94/28106, the Showell et al U.S. Patent No. 5,419,847, the Francis et al U.S. Patent No. 5,106,528, and the Thompson et al U.S. Patent No. 4,483,778. Claims 1-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as